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TO DOUBLE OAHU GARRISON

BRIGADIER TWO MORE AMERICAN CITIZENS KILLED BY MEXICAN BULLETS

BRIGADIER BRINGS NEWS

General Macomb Returns on Transport with Word of the Plans for Local Posts—Every Troop and Company Here to Be Raised to War Footing—Recruits to Be Rushed Here as Fast as Possible—General Wood Not Coming—May Remain Chief of Staff

THE FIGHTING STRENGTH of the army of Oahu is to be practically doubled as soon as recruits are available, and can be rushed from the mainland. For the time being, no more regimental organizations are to be sent here, but every troop and company is to be raised to war strength, which will give almost twice as many sabres and rifles as are now available.

This is the present plan of the chief of staff of the army, based on a careful study of army conditions, and personal conferences with Brigadier General Montgomery M. Macomb, department commander, who returned to Hawaii from Washington on the transport Sherman this morning, bringing news of great interest to service people and civilians as well. The plan of the general staff for reorganization of the land forces of the United States, made public six months ago, contemplated war strength organizations for Oahu, but that decision to hurry recruits here was not reached until the conference of general officers which recently met in Washington, had fully discussed the ways and means of such reorganization.

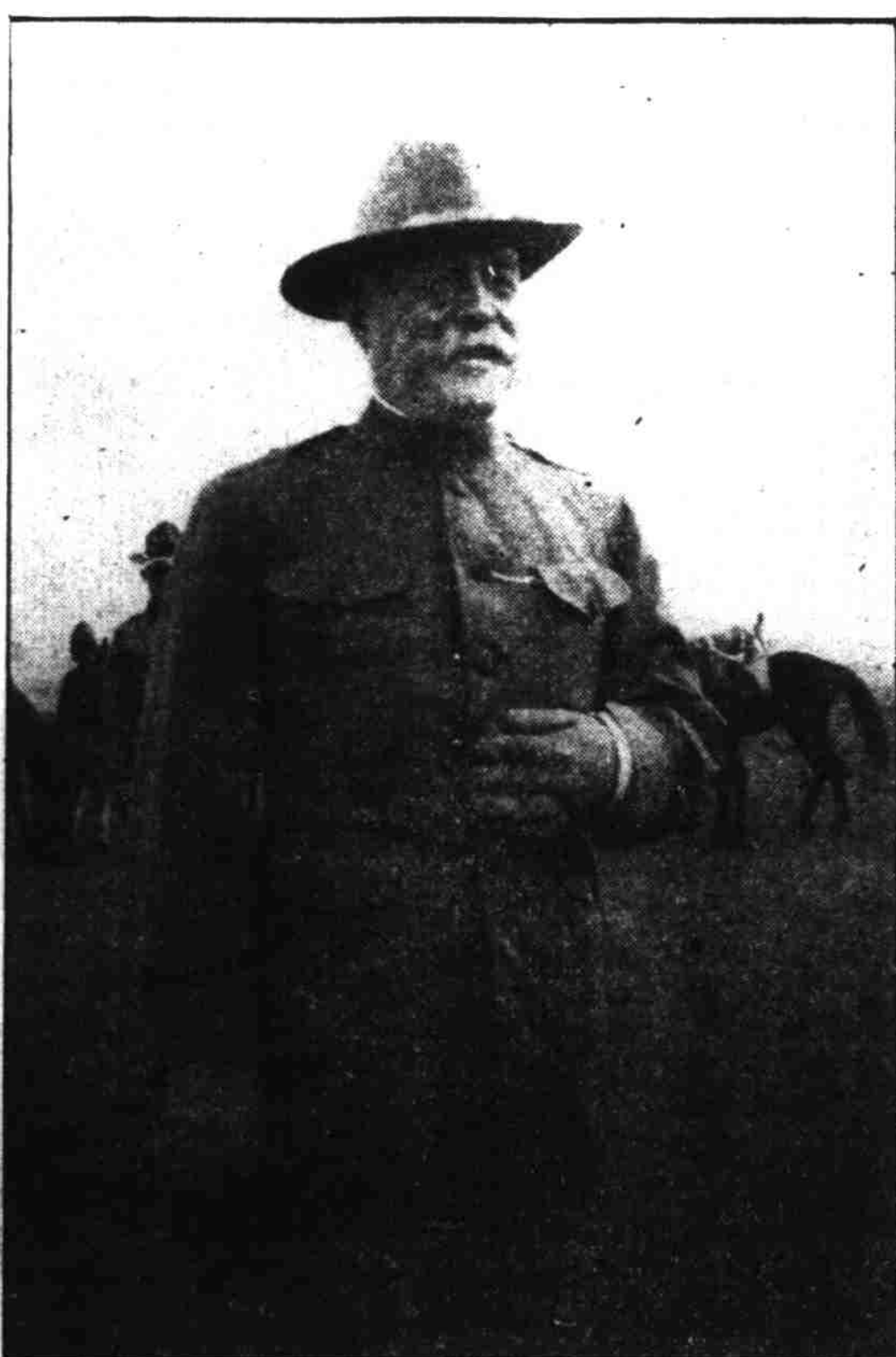
Also, the plan for Oahu's ultimate military strength has been enlarged so as to provide three infantry brigades instead of two for the permanent garrison. This will make nine regiments of infantry, almost one-third of the total infantry strength of the army at present, and more than one-third the number of rifles as all the regiments here will be on a war strength basis of 150 men to a company. This infantry division will be reinforced by a full regiment of cavalry and nine batteries of field artillery, while coast fortifications will be manned by at least ten companies of coast artillery. A company of engineers, a signal company, and proportionate sanitary troops will complete the army of Oahu, as noted in the original plan.

"The plan for reorganization of the army was not passed on by this conference of generals which I attended in Washington," said General Macomb this morning, as he stood on the deck of the Sherman and glimpsed with evident pleasure the familiar landmarks of Honolulu. "The plan would have been carried out by the Secretary of War in any event, and we were called to meet merely to determine the best way of accomplishing an end that all were agreed would benefit the entire service. There was one new feature of the general staff's plan, added after the conference, however, and that was the formation of a fourth geographical department in continental United States, the Southern Department. This is a logical tactical unit, as it includes the entire Mexican frontier. It is made up of a portion of the present central division and a small part of Arizona taken from the western division.

"No more regiments or coast artillery companies will be sent here until there are quarters available. However, the strength of the force here will be almost doubled by bringing all the organizations up to a war footing as soon as recruits can be secured. This is an economical method of increasing the garrison of Oahu, as there are plenty of officers here to handle the increased number of men garrisons near city.

"Eventually, to properly garrison Oahu according to the plans discussed at the Washington conference, there will be three brigades on the island. One of these will probably be a Schofield Barracks to be brought into action as an advance to repel any possible invasion. The other two will be garrisoned nearer the city and certainly at Shafter and the other will be available to defend the right of the line. It is not decided where this

GENERAL WHO STANDS FOR INCREASED FORCE HERE AND GENERAL WHO WILL DIRECT PLANS



Brigadier General M. M. Macomb
Who returned from mainland today to organize great army base here.



Major General Leonard Wood
Chief of staff of the army, who will double strength of Oahu's garrison.

PARADE TO SHOW HORSES VYING WITH AUTOS

Director-General Chillingworth of the 1913 Floral Parade, has asked the school children of the city to assist in making the morning military parade a success by forming a flag-saluting section at Thomas square when the great military pageant passes on Saturday morning. The children will be massed on the Victoria-Bereford street corner of the square. If the invitation to the school authorities and children is accepted, and will be supplied with flags, the director-general having arranged for 2500 flags. The plan is for the children to give the picturesque flag salute as the army passes at Thomas square.

Four hundred horses will be in line for the eighth annual Floral parade of February 22, drafted into service for floats, carriages, marshals and equestrian features alone.

Thirty horse-drawn floats have been assigned the committee in charge of this section, which is headed by John Hughes, chairman S. A. Walker of the auto section reported this morning that fifty or more decorated autos are figured on, with forty-five about as certain as anything can be in such cases.

Director-General Charles E. Chillingworth has already secured so many decorated floats of various kinds that all the trucks in the city have been exhausted. Three trucks will arrive on the Wilhelmina on February 18 and these are already taken. The decorations are being constructed so

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WATSON OUT FOR GOVERNORSHIP

Application for Appointment Goes to President-elect Wilson Backed by Numerous Strong Indorsements—His Friends Busy in Washington

Edward M. Watson, prominent attorney and veteran Democrat, is an active candidate for governor of the territory. Mr. Watson himself authorized this announcement yesterday afternoon, adding that while he is not a seeker after public office for the sake of office, he believes that the honor of the governorship of Hawaii is one to which any man may well be ambitious to acquire.

"I am a candidate for the governorship," said Mr. Watson to the Star-Bulletin yesterday. "For several months I have had the matter under consideration, and I say frankly now that I am an active candidate." At the same time, I have not made the position a goal to be reached at all hazards and at all costs. I shall make no partisan fight, no bitter fight, for the office. It is an office of dignity and to be sought as such. I believe there are conditions in the territory of Hawaii that call for the best efforts of men in public life, and the working out of our problems here offers a field for men ambitious, as I am, to serve Hawaii.

While Mr. Watson declines at this time to make public those men here and in Washington who have pledged their support to him, it is known that he has been given assurances of backing that are unusual not only because of the prominence of the men who are showing their friendship for him and belief in him, but because many of the indorsements he has received are from Republicans.

Mr. Watson's application for appointment has already gone forward to President-elect Wilson. With it went a long list of indorsements from prominent citizens of Hawaii of both parties. Democrats prominent in city and county affairs and many Democratic members of the territorial legislature have given their backing to Mr. Watson in strong terms.

Attorney Watson's friends here are entirely sanguine of his appointment, the more so because of assurances of support he has received from Washington. Among those who are enlisted in his support and whose influence is to be counted in national affairs are the chairmen of many important committees of both the house and senate.

Returning here several months ago suffering from the illness that attacked him in Washington, Mr. Watson has improved in health rapidly. For some weeks he has been hard at work in his office, and now spends most of the day in his professional duties. He has been informed by his physicians that he is continuous and that it will not be long before he will be almost entirely recovered from the effects of illness. The fact that he is now able to undertake much difficult work is cited in some of the indorsements. It is said, because part of the opposition to his candidacy has been openly stated to be based on allegations that he is not physically able to carry on the arduous duties of the governor's office.

Mr. Watson's friends here are giving him the most faithful of support. He is assured, they say, of stronger local backing than that given any other candidate, and they point to the largely nonpartisan character of his indorsements to prove that his candidacy is popular with representatives of all parties and all classes.

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MAHUKONA WHARF CONDITIONS SLATED FOR INVESTIGATION

Legislators Want to Know Why Storm Could Sweep Away New Structure

An investigation of the conditions surrounding the construction of the Mahukona wharf, situated at when the wharf washed away like a toy house of sand under the pounding of a recent storm, is slated for one of the first sessions of the coming legislature.

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SERVICE EXPERTS INSPECT PEARL HARBOR

Two of the best known officers of the navy and army respectively passengers on the transport Sherman, made an informal inspection of Pearl Harbor, and the adjacent land defenses this morning. While the trip by sea and land was in no way an official investigation, the prominence of the officers, and their relation to the defensive plans of the country, make it of more than ordinary importance.

Commander W. C. Cole, U. S. N., who has been stationed at the Naval Academy, and Captain John McKay Palmer, who has just been "Manchud" from the general staff, and is on his way to join the Fifteenth Infantry in China, are the officers who had a "look see" at Pearl Harbor this morning, and after the trip they expressed themselves as much impressed with both the magnitude of the work and the advantages of the island. Accompanied by Major Conklin, chief of staff of the Hawaiian Department, and Major W. P. Wooten, chief engineer, the visitors went directly from the transport to the tug Navajo, and were landed at the drydock site. There they were met by Civil Engineer Gayler, and a thorough inspection of the new station was made. A visit was paid to Fort Kamehameha. The party returned by auto, a visit being paid to Fort Kamehameha, and the position which the Elvo army held on the last day of the maneuvers last year being looked over.

Captain Palmer had a great deal to do with the writing of the report of the general staff on the reorganization of the army, which plan goes into effect next Saturday, and he was greatly interested in the news dispatches from Washington which note the orders for certain brigades of certain divisions to move to the front, while others are held in reserve.

"It seems strange that the advantages of this tactical organization of the army should be so thoroughly proved just as the plan goes into effect," said Captain Palmer. "A month ago we had no such organized army, and the single order which set the wheels in motion could not have been given. It would have been a far more complicated and less satisfactory way of mobilizing troops and holding them in readiness for active service."

TAFT WILL NOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE NOW

(Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—With two more Americans killed by Mexican bullets, the crisis to the south has brought President Taft face to face with what is declared to be the gravest situation that has confronted him in office.

A joint army and navy board, convened with the most urgent haste, assembled today in Admiral Dewey's offices. This board went over the entire situation carefully.

President Taft himself declines to take the initiative in any intervention plan. He is frankly quiescent. He says he is unwilling to act without the authorization of congress.

KNOX TAKES ACTION

Secretary of State Knox has authorized Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson to draw \$10,000 upon the United States treasury for the relief of destitute Americans. Americans are urged to shun danger wherever possible.

Charles Weiss, an undersized man, maker earning \$15 a week, was arrested in New York charged with having five wives. He admitted the charge.

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SHOOTING IN CITY STILL

President of White Cross Killed and Other Members of Society Executed by Rebels Who Declare That They Have Been Detected Carrying Ammunition to Federals—Army and Navy Board in Session and Immediate Action Expected. Taft Unwilling to Move Without Sanction of Congress

(Associated Press Cable)
MEXICO CITY, Feb. 13.—Another day of horror for non-combatants. Another day of fierce bombardment, in which a number of American non-combatants were killed and many others injured, despite the promise of President Madero that the firing of the cannon should cease at once. The rebels and the federalists both ignoring the White Cross society and refusing to allow the Red Cross to operate, or even to organize. Such is the history of the day in Mexico City, torn asunder by the strife of factions, both of which are declaring that another twelve hours will see victory perched on the banners of its side.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR MADERO.
Early this morning reinforcements came to the aid of the federalists, bringing the total force under the command of the Madero generals now to something like 7000. There are not more than three thousand of the rebels under Diaz, behind the walls of the arsenal, and it is expected that Madero will at once begin an assault upon that position in the hope of carrying it by storm, and bringing the present insurrection to an abrupt end.

PROMISED TO STOP FIRING.
With the coming of the reinforcements President Madero issued a statement promising to stop the firing of the big guns, but almost on the heels of its publication the federal cannon resumed the shooting which went on all day yesterday, the guns throwing their shells in the general direction of the arsenal and the rebel position, but the aim of the gunners was poor and many of the shells and much of the shrapnell fell far in the center of town. The heart of the city broke out into flames, which were left to burn except for the frantic attempts of the inhabitants of the houses to extinguish the flames.

For hours the bombardment was kept up, the rebels standing firm in their places and replying with their machine guns and field pieces, steadily and quietly, taking more care with their aim and as a result proving far more effective. At two o'clock this afternoon the rebels advanced one of their batteries one block further into the heart of the city and at once opened fire on a federal battery which had been pouring shells into the arsenal all morning. This battery was stationed near the famous old San Diego church, which a few moments after the arrival of the rebel guns, broke into flame. The church adjoins the building of the Mexican Herald, where are offices of the Associated Press, and which is manned largely by American newspaper men. That, too, for a time was threatened with fire, but the efforts of the staff managed to avert the danger. The building itself, however, was riddled with shot, from rifle and cannon.

The American club, near by, was also practically destroyed by the flying balls, and two non-combatants who were watching the firing when the

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BISHOP TO REMAIN FOR A WHILE AT HEAD OF THE HARBOR BOARD

H. K. Bishop, the superintendent of public works who leaves the public office Saturday, has announced that he is willing to continue serving the territory as chairman of the board of harbor commissioners until his successor is appointed. By virtue of his office as superintendent he is also head of the harbor commission and his withdrawal from the latter post at this time probably would have created serious difficulties.

The board without a titular head would be virtually powerless, and the great mass of affairs that require constant attention and action, in connection with the harbor, would be left in a state of confusion.

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